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## **SUBJECT: North Central Division Realignment Study**

### **TO: All District Personnel**

1. I intend to keep all employees of the St. Louis District completely informed of developments pertaining to the NCD Realignment Study.
2. Seven study options, or alternatives, have been developed by NCD and SLD must address, evaluate, and provide our position on each one.
3. I have established a District Committee consisting of key individuals selected from certain organizational staff elements. The function of this committee is to be responsive to all study information as it pertains to SLD, and to forward our position on each option to NCD on a timely basis. I have also instructed the committee to prepare a status report upon completion of each option for forwarding to every District employee.
4. This, the initial report, consists of our reply to Option VII. This option proposes geographic realignment of the present NCD Districts and St. Louis into two Districts within NCD. One District would be responsible for all functions and assigned missions related to the Great Lakes Basin. The second District would have a similar mission on the Upper and Middle Mississippi, Souris-Red-Rainy Rivers, and the Illinois Waterway. We were asked to reply only on the second District option pertaining to the river workload.
5. The St. Louis District's comments on this option are listed below:
  - a. We recommend that the St. Louis District remain located in St. Louis, Missouri, and be NCD's river district.
  - b. Manpower spaces were developed, based upon present and additional workload projections.
  - c. Specific organizational configurations including grade, series, and job titles were identified.
  - d. Two deviations from the proposed NCD structure were recommended.
    - (1) Remove Planning Branch from ED and establish a Planning Division.
    - (2) Construction and Operations Divisions should remain as independent divisions, as opposed to a Con-Ops Division.
6. For your information, there will be two public workshop/meetings within the St. Louis District.
  - a. A Workshop will be conducted by me on 17 April, at 1:30 P.M., in the **Soldiers Memorial, 1315 Chestnut**. All District personnel are invited to attend and participate, and will be granted administrative leave for this purpose. You should feel free to make comments and offer ideas at this Workshop.

b. A public meeting will be held on 25 May with the time and place to be announced at a later date. At this meeting, I will announce the recommendations of the NCD Division Engineer which will be forwarded to OCE for their review and final decision, and invite public comment. You are also welcome to attend and participate in this meeting.

7. The NCD Realignment Committee is currently reviewing two other options and a summary of these recommendations will be forthcoming upon completion.

LEON E. McKINNEY  
Colonel, CE  
District Engineer

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL SECRETARIES WEEK**  
**APRIL 23 — 27, 1979**

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SUBJECT: Registration of Engineers and Architects

St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers, 210 North 12th Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101 5 April 1979

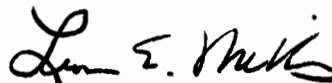
TO: The Engineers and Architects of the St. Louis District

1. With 82.5% of our civilian engineers and architects having attained professional registration, we rank higher than any other District Office in LMVD; we have the fifth highest percentage of all the District Offices and we are ninth-ranking among the 61 CONUS and International Corps installations.

2. This is a highly respectable showing and it helps prove my contention that the St. Louis District is a first-class engineering organization by any measure the private or public sector might apply. It also reflects favorably on the supervisors and managers who have supported the registration program. Most importantly, these statistics show that our engineers and architects have the dedication, perserverance, sense of personal responsibility and pride in accomplishment that mark the true professional.

3. Congratulations to all of you and I hope we will not rest on our past accomplishments; instead we should continue to put forth our best effort to achieve an even better record in 1979.

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Colonel, CE  
District Engineer



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

REPLY TO  
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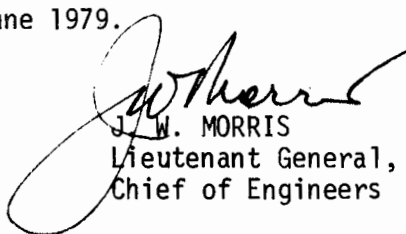
14 March 1979

SUBJECT: Registration of Engineers and Architects

Executive Director, Engineer Staff  
Assistant Chief of Engineers  
Directors, OCE  
Chiefs, Separate Offices, OCE  
Commanders, All Field Operating Agencies  
Special Assistant for Foreign Programs

1. The emphasis by Commanders on the importance of professional registration and the personal desires of individuals to possess this mark of "professionalism" are reflected in the results of the 1978 survey of registration of engineers and architects. Inclosure 1 contains the results of this year's survey.
2. The overall increase in professional registration to 67.4% in 1978 compared with 66.6% in 1977 indicates that this subject has been given continuing attention throughout the Corps of Engineers. This approach should be continued and every possible assistance and encouragement be provided all unregistered engineers and architects, civilian and military, toward achieving professional registration.
3. This letter expires 14 June 1979.

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State Registration

  
J. W. MORRIS  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Chief of Engineers

### State registration of engineers and architects

FOA	NUMBER REGISTERED				PERCENT REGISTERED			
	1977		1978		1977		1978	
	MIL	CIV	MIL	CIV	MIL	CIV	MIL	CIV
LMVD	1	65	1	66	50.0%	86.7%	50.0%	90.4%
Vicksburg	0	157	0	148	0.0%	61.1%	0.0%	73.6%
Memphis	1	101	1	100	33.3%	76.5%	33.3%	78.1%
New Orleans	2	253	4	241	40.0%	80.8%	57.1%	76.8%
St. Louis	0	155	1	146	0.0%	82.0%	14.3%	82.5%
TOTAL LMVD	4	731	7	701	21.0%	75.7%	30.4%	78.5%

## DISTRICT DOINGS

During the past few weeks a number of major events attracted the interest of the public toward the St. Louis District activities. Primary among the items was the flood fight along the Upper Mississippi and the Illinois. The media was kept posted daily by the flood center and staff members who appeared on TV, spoke to radio audiences and were interviewed by the press. Once again our expertise in water resources and the efforts to save lives and property were clearly demonstrated, and once again the media knew and trusted the Corps as the source of accurate, informative and helpful assistance. Thanks to all those whose patience, abilities and knowledge have played a major role in enhancing the important flood mission of the Corps.

Along with the floods, other milestone events were part of the March scene, National Wildlife Week, Old Newsboys Day, a regional meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers with Chief of Engineers Lt. General John W. Morris in attendance and addressing the assembly . . . and out at the lakes, weather permitting, a renewed interest in the outdoors replete with campsites reopening and fishing interest.

At the Lakes . . . Rend Lake staff hosted students from 19 area schools. A total of some 1,100 at the National Wildlife Week observance. Staff members also gave talks on "Waterfowl" to the Pinkneyville Lions Club and on fishing to the Mt. Vernon Rotary.

Lake Shelbyville staff member Gary Mason talked to a group of Cub Scouts about Reservoir Management and Boat Safety. Jerry Parker spoke to the Findlay Junior Women's Club. Don Brown and Jill Campbell guided a group of 100 youths from the Mattoon Junior High School, and Jill also spoke to 21 young people from the Project Treatment Learning Center. Al Lookofsky appeared at the Illinois Trails Symposium and talked about Hiking Trail Development at Corps projects.

Carlyle Lake was the scene of National Wildlife Week visitors from area schools totaling some 730. Terry Robinson and Cheryl Leach spoke to 50 Albers Grade School youngsters about Water Safety and Cheryl also addressed the Centralia Rotary. Sue Franklin spoke to 65 Carlyle Grade School Science Club members.

Locks and Dam #26 was visited by Mr. William Figari, National President of the Propellor Club, and the tour of the facility was conducted by Colonel McKinney, Bill Sutton, Red Buchhold and Jim Fogilphol. Bill and Jim were hosts for a visit from Vice Admiral Scarborough and Rear Admiral Caldwell from the 2nd Coast Guard District. Bill Sutton also spoke to the Rivers and Harbors Class at UM-Rolla, while Ken Koller talked to members of an Engineering Technology Class at Florissant Valley Community College.

Lock and Dam #25 was the scene of a visit from 42 5th graders from the Clayton School District who wanted to see the Bald Eagles and the lock on their tour.

Clarence Cannon Lake Manager Dennis Foss was the principal speaker for the 125 members of the Monroe County Field and Stream Club, and Greg Miller spoke to the 15 ladies from the Perry Women's Club.

The Old Newsboys Day group of Colonel McKinney, Ken Long, Roger Cuddeback, Pat Smith, Ulas Wilson and Mel Doernhoefer netted \$262.00 for the Children's Charities, somewhat less than previous years but still a goodly sum. Colonel McKinney spoke to KTVI's Christa Bradford and KMOX's Steve Trenkman about GREAT III and the flood scene. Jim Petersen and Colonel McKinney also held interviews later on with KMOX-TV's Larry Connors and several other TV reps about the flood problems. Colonel Wilkes down at Cape Girardeau for the Public meeting made special report to the KFVS-TV audience with local Mike Shane and then was interviewed by the Southeast Missourian.

Terry Norris spoke to a High Twelve group at Flaming Pit in Manchester and is all set to teach a course entitled "Archeology, an excursion into the Past" for St. Louis University. Out at Copper Mountain, Colo., Jack Niemi, in addition to an address on Dam Safety to the Regional SAME meeting, spoke to the Jefferson Chapter of the DAR about the Corps and the River. Mike Dace, guest, lectured at UM-Rolla at two graduate level classes. Dan Flowers talked about Corps career possibilities to the students at Central Catholic Community School on career day. Leon Leach, Gene Degenhardt and Mel Doernhoefer went up to UM-Columbia to guest lecture about the Corps procedures and projects to a group of forestry students.

Coming up . . . special observance of Keep America Beautiful Day out at the lakes and some of the finest weather yet this year. Enjoy the spring . . . enjoy it at a Corps lake.

Thomas J. Furdek spoke at Corps Chemist meeting in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He also gave a talk to Corps Water Quality Committee in New Orleans, Louisiana.

James L. Butery addressed the Okaw River Basin Coalition on flood control provided by Carlyle Lake, 4 April 1979, in Germantown, Illinois.

Jim Savinski of ED-DW has just received notification that he has been Registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin.

## OVERSEA VACANCY LIST

REQ NO.	POSITION, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION	DUTY STATION
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### ALASKA

Interdisciplinary, GS-11/12	(Civ Engr, GS-810; OR Environmental Engr, GS-819) Construction-Operations Div, Supv & Inspection Br	
Interdisciplinary, GS-11	(Environmental Resource Spec, GS-401; General Biologist, GS-401; OR Forester, GS-460) Engrg Div, Planning Br	
Interdisciplinary, GS-11	(Fishery Biologist, GS-482-11; Oceanographer, GS-1360; OR Fish & Wildlife Administrator, GS-480) Const-Ops Div, Reg Functions Br	
Interdisciplinary, GS-11/12	(Civil OR Hydraulic Engr, GS-810; OR Hydrologist, GS-1315) Engrg Div, Planning Br, Reports Sec	
Interdisciplinary, GS-9/11	(Civil OR Hydraulic Engr, GS-810; OR Hydrologist, GS-1315) Engrg Div, Planning Br, Reports Sec	
Interdisciplinary, GS-13	(Supv Civil Engr, GS-810; Supv Environmental Regulatory Program Coordinator, GS-401) Const-Ops Div, Reg Func Br	

### SAUDI ARABIA

MED 78-426	Supv Chemist, GS-1320-12 (Ch, Chemical Testing Sec of testing lab, i.e., chemical & related testing of const matls, etc.)	Riyadh
MED 78-427	Supv Interdisciplinary, GS-12 (Civil Engr, GS-810; Geologist, GS-1350; Materials Engr, GS-806; Ch, Matls Testing Sec of testing lab, i.e., physical, chemical, related testing of const matls etc.)	Riyadh
MED 78-428	Interdisciplinary, GS-12 (Civil Engr, GS-810; Geologist, GS-1350; Materials Engr, GS-806; working leader/senior tech spec in soils, concrete asphalt testing, etc.)	Riyadh

# **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REALINEMENT OF DISTRICT AND BOUNDARIES STUDY**

## **BACKGROUND.**

Over the last several years, the Corps of Engineers has experienced a shift in the nature of workload to be performed which has caused an imbalance between the existing location of the work force in several areas and the preferred location of the work force to sustain efficient and effective management of the Civil Works mission. In 1977 the present Chief of Engineers commissioned a concept study which confirmed the above imbalance and suggested a positive framework for realignment of field offices. Specific field offices are now being formally studied to assess the detailed impact that realignment would have on both the Corps of Engineers and its customers.

## **MAJOR CHANGES UNDER STUDY.**

Study initiatives undertaken include assessments of the costs and benefits of transferring some of the responsibilities from district offices at Philadelphia, Buffalo, Albuquerque and Little Rock to adjacent districts, and the examination for possible closure of district offices at Chicago, Rock Island, San Francisco and Charleston. The Corps is considering transferring the supervision of the St. Louis District from the Lower Mississippi Valley Division at Vicksburg, Mississippi, to the North Central Division at Chicago. Since there are no district or division offices of the Corps of Engineers in several states, the studies are examining the potential of creating state liaison offices to enhance communications with state and local authorities and agencies. Engineer district boundaries are also being redrawn in some instances, as part of a policy of seeking ways to make it easier for state and local governments to work with the Corps of Engineers.

## **CHANGES WHICH MAY IMPACT ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.**

The North Central Division, with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, is undertaking comprehensive studies to determine how best to manage future water resources activities assigned to the Corps in the Great Lakes region and the Upper Mississippi River Basin. The work is currently being accomplished through five Engineer Districts located at Buffalo, New York; Detroit, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; St. Paul, Minnesota; and, Rock Island, Illinois. Since the workload in the North Central Division has declined recently and it seems unlikely that it will increase significantly in the next five years, the study will look at a number of options relative to a redistribution of workload, responsibilities and human resources within the Division. This includes consideration to move the supervision of the St. Louis District Office to the North Central Division.

## **OPTIONS BEING STUDIED.**

North Central Division's workload is split between the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi River. All seven realignment options being studied have one or more lake districts and one or more river districts. There are a total of six existing districts if St. Louis District is included in the North Central Division. Some of the options have districts which are not full-function districts (i.e., planning, engineering, construction and operation/maintenance). The basic features of the options being studied are:

**Option 1** — The six existing districts (including St. Louis) would be geographically realigned into three river districts (full-function) and two lake districts (both would be functional, one would be operations and maintenance, the other would be planning, engineering and construction). Impact on the St. Louis District would be minimal unless functions and spaces were to be transferred from St. Louis District to existing North Central Division districts. This is apparently being considered by the North Central Division staff.

**Option 2** — The six existing districts would be geographically realigned into five full-function districts; two lake districts and three river districts. The impact on the St. Louis District would be minimal, unless it were to be eliminated.

**Option 3** — The five districts currently in the North Central Division would be geographically realigned into four functionalized districts. The St. Louis District would be added to the North Central Division as a full-function district. Impact on the St. Louis District would be minimal.



## **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REALINEMENT OF DISTRICT AND BOUNDARIES STUDY (Continued)**

**Option 4** — The six existing districts would be realigned into four functionalized districts. Buffalo would be an operations and maintenance lake district. Detroit would be a lake district with engineering, design and construction capabilities. St. Paul would be a river district with engineering, design and construction capabilities. St. Louis would be an operations and maintenance river district. The impact on the St. Louis District would be significant. The operations and maintenance function would be geographically expanded to include the entire Upper Mississippi River Basin. The engineering, design and construction functions in St. Louis would be eliminated. Other functions and personnel spaces may be transferred from St. Louis District to existing North Central Division districts.

**Option 5** — The six existing districts would be geographically realigned into four standard districts; two lake districts and two river districts. The St. Louis District geographical boundaries would be expanded to include most of the Chicago District. The impact on the St. Louis District would be significant. All functions would be expanded unless specific functions are selected for transfer to other Districts within North Central Division.

**Option 6** — The six existing districts would be geographically realigned into three full-function districts; one lake district, two river districts. The impact on the St. Louis District would be significant. Its geographical boundaries would be expanded to include most of the Chicago District and all functions would be appropriately expanded unless specific functions are selected for transfer to other districts within North Central Division.

**Option 7** — The six existing districts would be geographically realigned into two districts; one river district and one lake district. The impact on all districts, including St. Louis District, would be significant. The location of the district offices under this option is unknown.

### **SCHEDULE FOR REALINEMENT.**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Division definition of options.  
Districts develop workload data base.

#### **MARCH**

Districts review options, comment and suggest changes.

#### **APRIL**

Division revises options.  
Public comments sought (Public Workshop — 17 April 1979)  
Changes incorporated in options.

#### **MAY**

Recommendations formulated.  
Division Engineer decision.  
Public Meeting — 25 May 1979.

#### **JUNE**

Division Study forwarded to Chief of Engineers.

#### **EARLY FALL**

Chief of Engineers decision.

#### **FALL 1980**

Implementation complete.

## REQUESTS FOR TRAINING IN NIGHT SCHOOL CLASSES — SUMMER SESSION

Employees seeking tuition assistance for attendance at night school should initiate the action within the coming weeks. Pamphlets are available for the three campuses of the Junior College District (Florissant, Forest Park and Meramec). Classes will begin on 11 June 1979, and registration should be completed as far in advance as possible to assure acceptance for the course.

Schedules from other local schools have been requested and will be available in PB-T (Room 955) as soon as received.

Recommend requests (DD Form 1556) be submitted through proper channels to PB-T by 10 May 1979.

**Reminder:** The District cannot reimburse an employee for a night school course unless the request has been **approved prior to registration!**

## VETERANS PREFERENCE BENEFITS

The Civil Service Reform Act which became effective on 11 January 1979 provides some additional benefits to veterans with service connected disabilities of 30% or more. The Personnel Office has sent a memo to all employees listed on our records as having 10-point preference in order to determine and/or verify disabilities of 30% or over. If you are a 10-point veteran and have not received this memo, please contact Joan Schmidt, PB-S, Ext. 5538.

Would you like to purchase a copy of the new Federal Employees' Almanac? The Chairman of the TSAR-COM Civilian Welfare Council advised us that they ordered extra copies of the Almanac to get the best discount — 50¢ off the normal price of \$2.50. They are willing to sell copies to Corps employees at \$2.00 a copy. If you are interested, contact Mary Maddock, 5703, no later than 11 May 1979.

## HEALTH BENEFITS

The Federal Employees Health Benefits regulations have been amended, effective 1 January 1979, to correct certain inequities. Following is a brief summary of these amendments.

a. Permits eligible employees, covered by the enrollment of another, to enroll in the program within 31 days after the cancellation of the covering enrollment. He must, however, enroll in the same plan and option. By adding this provision to the regulations, an employee will be able to obtain coverage if his or her spouse (or parent) cancels enrollment, an opportunity not previously provided.

b. Allows employees who are enrolled in a plan that has no low option to change to low option of any available plan after becoming eligible for Medicare.

The pamphlets "Health on a Budget" distributed by Blue Cross and "For Your Benefit" distributed by Aetna, are available in room 958 for those persons interested.



A new tabloid "St. Louis District Professional Achievement Roster" has been installed in the 8th floor hallway. The roster indicates all personnel that have a special work related recognition such as Registered Professional Engineer, Engineer-in-Training, Real Estate Broker-Appraiser, etc. It is requested that District personnel check the board to make sure that your name is shown if you are qualified and that the names are properly spelled.

April, 1979

## **A SCALED DOWN DNR PROPOSED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.**

A new Department of Natural Resources, to be accomplished by expanding the Department of Interior and adding the U.S. Forest Service from Agriculture and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the Commerce Department, was proposed March 1 by President Carter.

The policy and planning functions of the Corps of Engineers, the Soil Conservation Service and the Water Resources Council originally recommended for inclusion in DNR by the Office of Management and Budget were deleted to improve the political odds against a Congressional veto of the proposed reorganization plan.

The proposal is expected to be sent to Congress shortly and will be submitted under the reorganization authority granted to the President by Congress two years ago. DNR will become a reality within 60 days after the proposed reorganization reaches Congress unless it is vetoed by either the House or the Senate.

Congressional opposition to the creation of a DNR has already surfaced. House and Senate Agriculture Committee members are reported to be opposed to shifting the Forest Service from Agriculture. Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-CN), Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee, predicts the DNR proposal will be vetoed. Senator Ernest Hollings (D-SC) disapproves of combining functions and programs merely because they fall into the same general category, according to Washington sources.

## **TENN-TOM BACKERS WIN BATTLE.**

A Federal judge ruled March 13 that environmentalists and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad committed "an inexcusable delay" in challenging the authorization of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Lt. General John W. Morris, Chief of Engineers, said, "The Corps is pleased that the District Court for Northern Mississippi issued a ruling in our favor on the question of whether the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway as it is being constructed is properly authorized."

The question of authority was one of a number of points contained in the suit which was filed in 1976 and was the subject of a hearing in January. The plaintiffs had maintained, among other things, that the waterway which is being constructed with a 300-foot width was only authorized for a 170-foot ditch.

Construction of the 232-mile waterway began in 1972.

## **LOCK AND DAM 26 TO TRIAL.**

Lock and Dam 26 — in court for almost as long as it was on the drawing board — is headed for trial in June, following a decision March 16 by U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey.

After reviewing an amended 70-page complaint, filed by 21 Midwestern railroads and three environmental groups, and the response by the Justice Department and Corps of Engineers and the Association for the Improvement of the Mississippi River, the Judge denied a motion for summary judgment and ordered the case to be tried on its merits, starting at 10 A.M. June 18, 1979.

The suit involves the adequacy of the Corps of Engineers' Environmental Impact Statement, and questions the economic justification of the reconstruction of Locks and Dam 26.

Judge Richey noted that although Congress authorized L & D 26 (Public Law 95-502) the law requires the Corps to submit legislative EIS's to Congress. Nowhere in the law has Congress indicated it wants P. L. 95-502 to be exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act, the judge said.

## **1,793 NON-FEDERAL DAMS INSPECTED IN FIRST YEAR OF PROGRAM.**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released results of the first year program for dam safety inspections. Of the 1,793 non-Federal dams inspected, 354 were found to be unsafe for one or more reasons. Twenty-six of these were designated as emergency cases and required immediate correction action.

The program was conducted with the assistance of state agencies and architect-engineer firms. More than 9,000 non-Federal dams are to be inspected with a completion date of 1981.

## **INFLATION NOT THE ONLY REASON FOR HIGH ELECTRICITY COSTS.**

An eye-catching ad, sponsored by America's Rural Electric Systems, states: "A coal-fired generating plant started in 1969 could be built in five years. Today, it takes seven just for the paperwork."

Pointing-out it costs six times as much to build a power plant today as it did a mere five years ago, the ad stresses that inflation is only partly to blame. The regulatory process accounts for almost one-third of the increased construction costs, the ad states.

## **ENVIRONMENTALISTS DELAYED BY ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.**

The whale, the brown pelican and the blue butterfly, unlike the snail darter, are combining to show the Environmental Protection Agency that the Endangered Species Act can also be used against environmentalists.

A federal judge in Los Angeles has halted the Environmental Protection Agency from moving ahead with a wastewater project until it complies with the Endangered Species Act. EPA has been ordered to insure that certain kinds of marine life wouldn't be harmed by reducing sewage discharges into the ocean. The project would have improved treatment given to wastewater discharged by Los Angeles into the Pacific Ocean.

A suit filed in federal court by the Pacific Legal Foundation, charged that the sewage cleanup would harm three endangered species — the gray whale, the brown pelican and the El Segundo blue butterfly. Removal of the nutrients from the discharge will greatly reduce the fish population which in turn provides food for the whale and the pelican.



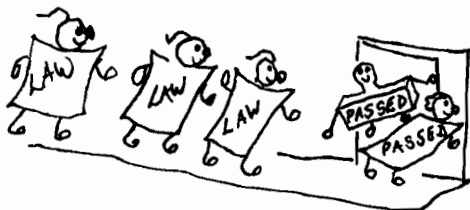
## SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIBRARY

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### DISPLAYS

Visit the library often to enjoy our many varied displays. Currently, we are featuring one on the legislative materials we have in the library. "How a Law is Passed," the subject of our bulletin board, shows the forms a piece of legislation takes from bill to committee report, to final public law. We receive most public laws in the library as well as the other accompanying bills and reports. If we do not happen to have just what you need, we can usually get it for you from another library.

Congratulations to Alicia M. Walkwitz who was recently appointed Hispanic Employment Program Coordinator (HEPC). Alicia is no stranger to the EEO Program since she is an active member of the Hispanic Committee. Aside from her collateral assignment as HEPC, Alicia works as a Clerk-Typist in OD-PB.



As the April 16 deadline for filing federal income tax returns approaches, the following advice is offered which could save taxpayers time and money.

- Check the correct block to indicate your filing status and make sure the proper blocks are indicated for personal exemptions.
- Attach Forms W-2 to the front page of the return.
- Keep a copy of your return along with supporting documents.
- Be certain you have signed your return before it is mailed. Joint returns must contain the signatures of both spouses.

## OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITIONS

The Office of Personnel Management has announced that between April 2 and 18, 1979, the Office Assistant examination will be open for the receipt of applications to take the written test. Applicants who are interested in obtaining Federal employment in eastern Missouri, including Metropolitan St. Louis and Madison-St. Clair Counties, Illinois are encouraged to apply during this period of time. The test will cover the following positions and grade levels in the Federal Government: Clerk, GS-2, 3 and 4; Clerk-Typist, GS-2, 3 and 4; Clerk-Stenographer, GS-3, 4 and 5; Office Machine Operator, GS-2 and 3; and Telephone Operator, GS-2 and 3.

In order to apply to take the written test, applicants must:

— Telephone the St. Louis Federal Job Information Center during the period April 2 through 18, 1979,

OR

— Submit a written request (**Postmarked no later than 4/18/79**) to the St. Louis Area Office during the period from April 2 through 18, 1979,

OR

— Visit the St. Louis Federal Job Information Center and complete a test application form during the period from April 2 through 18, 1979.

If you need additional information, please contact the St. Louis Federal Job Information Center, St. Louis Area Office, Office of Personnel Management, Room 1712, 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; Telephone: AC 314, 425-4285. The office hours of the St. Louis Federal Job Information Center are 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**Reminder:** THIS IS NOT A WALK-IN EXAMINATION. All interested persons must contact the St. Louis Federal Job Information Center in order to apply to take the written test.

## COUNCIL CORNER

**THE BAKE SALE** WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR 12 APRIL 1979 HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY POSTPONED DUE TO THE FLOOD CENTER BEING ACTIVATED IN ROOM 1040. A NEW DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS ROOM 1040 IS AVAILABLE. IF YOU DID NOT SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND WOULD LIKE TO BAKE FOR THE SALE, PLEASE CONTACT BARB JARMAN, EXT. 5686.

The Civilian Welfare Council is again offering discounts for the following activities:

**SILVER DOLLAR CITY** — Tickets are available at \$1.00 off the price at the park.

ADULTS — \$7.95  
CHILDREN — \$6.95

For tickets, contact

STEVE KILGORE	5055
BARB JARMAN	5686

**SIX FLAGS** — The Council will sell tickets to Six Flags this year, instead of handing out discount coupons. Tickets will sell for \$7.85 each which is a savings of \$1.56 off the price at the park. For tickets contact:

KATHY ENGELMANN	5545
TERRI STARK	5738



**WALT DISNEY WORLD/DISNEYLAND** — Magic Kingdom Club Cards are available from Mary Maddock, 5703. These cards entitle you to discounts at both parks, as well as other tourist attractions and some motels.

If you didn't get your copy of the "Corps' Cookin' " Cookbook, copies are still available from Mary Maddock, 5703, at a cost of \$4.00 each.

As a result of a recent suggestion, the Civilian Welfare Council is compiling a list of special discounts which are available to employees. This list will be posted on the bulletin boards. If you are aware of any discounts such as shoes, candy, Entertainment Books, etc. which are available, please submit the following information to any Council member NLT 31 May 1979:

Type of Discount  
Name of Contact Person  
Telephone Number  
If seasonal, please indicate  
(such as candy at Christmas, Easter, etc.)

## **S.L.E.D. Toastmasters**

The Serious Speech Contest, hosted by the S.L.E.D. Toastmasters on March 22, was a rousing success from all reports. The several officials from the Toastmasters International Organization who were present were overheard to say that it was the best organized and most professional contest they had ever attended. Six contestants representing Downtown St. Louis Toastmasters clubs vied for top honors before an audience of 47 Toastmasters and guests. Although S.L.E.D.'s entry, Jack Rasmussen, did not win the contest, many thought that his speech entitled "Prepare Now for Leadership" was one of the more thought-provoking and well-presented talks of the evening. Well done, Jack!

The late February public meeting on the Cahokia Canal portion of the East St. Louis Flood Control Project and the American Bottoms Groundwater Study has generated a great deal of interest among the local people. Rich Astrack, Planning Manager for both studies, has been kept busy answering questions and giving information. Most recently, Rich has addressed the St. Clair County Mini-Mayors at Troy, Illinois, and the Granite City Rotary Club.



## **ACCIDENT SUMMARY**

**MARCH 1979**

### **VEHICLE ACCIDENTS MARCH 1979: One (see NOTE)**

Total vehicle accidents for 1979: One

A Government driver was traveling the highway when a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction crossed the centerline and in order to avoid a head on collision the Government driver pulled off onto the right shoulder and veered across the highway and into the opposite ditch where the vehicle came to a stop on its top in one foot of water and mud. There were no injuries.

Total experience for CY 1978: 8

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### **PERSONAL INJURIES — CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES — MARCH 1979: None**

Total accidents for 1979: None

Total experience for CY 1978: 1 fatality

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### **PERSONAL INJURIES — GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES — MARCH 1979: None**

Total accidents for 1979: 2

Total experience for CY 1978: 3

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### **Lake Fatalities for March 1979: None**

**Total Lake Fatalities for CY 1978:** 6 - 1 Carlyle Lake  
2 Rend Lake  
3 Shelbyville

**NOTE:** The vehicle accident involving two Government vehicles at Perry, Mo., will be an April submission.

— *HAPPY EASTER* —

## FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



**GEORGE A. ANDERSON**  
Personnel Officer

## UNOFFICIAL

## RACQUETBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to Dave Rahubka and Jerry Willick, winners of their respective divisions in the 5th unofficial Corps of Engineers racquetball tournament held on 17 February 1979. This was Dave's second championship in a row; thus he was able to keep the traveling trophy for his division for a while longer.

## FOR SALE

Bass Boat, 15 ft. long, 50 HP Mercury motor, Trolling motor & trailer. Excellent condition. Call Janet Wilhite — 5846.

Dining Room Set — table, 6 chairs, 1 with arms, glass-front china cupboard, glass covered buffet. Call Ann Brinkmann — 5710.

1919 Ralston Plant Book — 25th Anniv.; 1937 & up National Geographics; 78 RPM Records; WW II Vintage Wash Stand — refinished — \$60.00; Desk — Kneehole — \$40.00; Gallon Butter Churn — Wood Beaters. Ann Brinkmann — 263-5710 or 618 377-2202.